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Tumut Clontarf Academy

Newsletter

Did someone say it is the end of Term 2? Wow, now that has flown! In the first 18 weeks of school in 2022, Clontarf Tumut has managed to get boys on a total of eleven camps. This has certainly been a focus for the staff, to try and reset the lads after the everlasting COVID restriction period.

For Term 2 alone we have managed camps to – Orange for the Year 7 and 8 Rugby League Carnival, Blowering Dam as part of the PCYC Boat license program, Slept at Taronga Zoo with Brungle Public School, The State of Origin in Sydney and most recently another footy carnival for the Year 9 and 10 age group in Wollongong which also gave the boys the experience of forming a guard of honour on national TV for the Dragons and Rabbitohs.

All of these amazing experiences tied in with our health sessions, employment focus areas, subject support, after school activities, and helping out in community has meant that the Tumut Clontarf Academy not only has been a vibrant part of our young men's lives but it has also served its purpose in laying the foundations for positive things in the future.

Below is an overview of some of those key events for the term.



Community and Activities



Getting out in community is wonderful for everyone's self-esteem, earlier this term with the help of Chicka's daughter Tatiana, a small group of Clontarf boys got the opportunity to help the kids from Snowy Valleys School at their annual athletics day. The event was such a success and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces of the kids and parents from the fantastic education centre. The boys (and Chappy and Chicka) assisted in a number of events including discus and shot put, but the highlight was joining in for the running events. Pictured on the left is Chicka giving Charlie Carmody some encouragement.

Highlights for the Term

Leadership

A strong emphasis on our program is what we call "Clontarf Spirit". This ideal is all about mentoring the boys to be decent blokes, pitching and helping when needed, showing good manners, greeting people with respect, being willing to set an example for your mates. A great example of this was the boys who represented the Academy at the recent footy carnival in Orange. This group of lads were awarded the "Clontarf Spirit Award" that was given out by all of the Regional Clontarf Staff who held a vote. All of these boys should be congratulated for the way they conducted themselves on camp. It is actually the second year in a row the Academy has won this award.



Education

This term has seen the continuation of the "Corroboree Frog In-Situ Project". This is where Taronga Zoo has partnered with various stakeholders to raise awareness of the plight of this amazing little endangered



creature. Four students from Tumut High, including two of our very own Clontarf Academy members, were granted the amazing opportunity of spending the night at Taronga Zoo. The Tumut High Reps acted as mentors for the children of Brungle Public School and were treated to a once in a lifetime experience of Zoo life behind the scenes as well as a special tour from Uncle Les McLeod. The project co-ordinator Suzanna Boyd kept the children very busy with learning about the Corroboree Frog and they even got the opportunity to see the breeding program within the quarantined section of the zoo.

Wellbeing

Having a good start to your day is something we try and emphasize to the boys within the program. As we did last year, Term 2 has seen the boys partake in an 8 week fitness program at the local group fitness centre “Drive Group Fitness”. Facilitated by Tumut High Teacher and all round legend, Em Rossington, the boys have been put through circuit and boxing training over the course of the term. Pictured here is a session that also included teachers from the HSIE department making the early start to join in (and of course school mentors Drew Beavan and Kyle Contessa). A massive thanks to Ms Rossington and the teaching staff for joining in with us. The sessions have had an amazing community feel and continue to build stronger relationships between the boys and their educators.



Employment

The Year 10 group are having a massive year in the upskilling department. Last term they were learning about firefighting with the Rural Fire Service, and now this term the boys have paired up with some female ATSI students to get their boat license. Partnering with Maritime Services, RMS, PCYC and the Tumut LAC, the boys have been able to get their log book hours up and be taken through all of the necessary boat safety skills to obtain the license. A big thanks to Rod Simpson, Paul Mumbler and Col Jacobs for assisting Chicka in giving the students this amazing opportunity.



Sport

Clontarf Footy has ramped up this term with our Year 7 and 8 “Moths” heading to Orange for the annual 9 a side carnival. The boys faired well winning 3 of the 5 games and as mentioned above returned home with the coveted “Clontarf Spirit” Award. Players to shine at this camp on and off the field were Cordell Coe and Dylan Hodge. Then later in the Term our Year 9 and 10 Moths headed off to Wollongong for our Riverina Cup regional carnival. All the games were played in an outstanding



manner with teams sharing players when needed and everyone getting plenty of footy. The carnival presented plenty of highlights including a 70 metre effort from the Fying Moth Liam Starr (Pictured Above)

Partners

Our partners are so important to us and keeping strong bonds with them is something we hold dear in Tumut. This term our relationship with Woolworths continued to blossom with the employment of Year 10 member Brock Russell. (Pictured) Brock actually was one of the students that guided store manager Fiona McDougall on a tour of the Academy room pre Covid (Wow, that long ago) Brock must have made a strong impression as he is now on the staff. Also we are really looking forward to our training sessions with the staff of the Tumut 3 Stations of Snowy Hydro. Chatting with Snowy Employee and honorary Clontarf Tumut Member Peter Symons. The Snowy Hydro staff are champing at the bit to get the blood flowing with some touch football and gym circuit sessions in Term 3.



Looking Ahead

Term 3 of 2022 will see us continue to focus on the return of all activities to the program :

Well Being - Leadership

- Ross Kelly Cup Rugby League Carnival
- NAIDOC Assembly and Room Tours
- Year 10 First Aid Course

Education - Employment

- Worksite Visit Woodlawn Mine Goulburn
- Health Checks @ Connection
- Employment Forum

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