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Tumut Clontarf Academy

TERM 4 NEWS

Newsletter

As the school year comes to a halt it is great to reflect on not only a fantastic year but also a jam packed Term 4 in the Tumut Clontarf Academy.

Camps for Term 4 have included trips to Melbourne, the Snowy Mountains, Kiama and Perth. Staff and students have certainly been busy with the latter being the all-important crescendo for the Year 12 graduates. Also, plenty of members have also been busy this term volunteering in the community, and of course the night of nights for the Academy with the fourth annual Awards Night held at the Tumut Golf Club in Week 8. This was so very well supported by many of our parents and families, local partners and most impressively school staff from Tumut High. They were all on hand to watch our four Year 12 boys Tana Scott, Jahkobi Hewitt, Adam Beaver and Aidan Breed graduate and the major award winners receive their prizes, with the major award of Academy Member of the Year being taken out by Year 10 student Brock Russell.

Pictured below is Clontarf Members Will Driscoll, Brock Russell and Liam Starr, joining state member for Wagga Wagga Dr Joe McGirr, Academy Director Mat Chapman, SVC Mayor Ian Chaffey and acting Snowy Hydro CEO Roger Whitby as part of the boys volunteering at the 50th birthday celebrations of the Tumut 3 Power station in Talbingo.



Community and Activities



As stated above there had been plenty of community highlights throughout the term and year. Pictured to the left is the boys joining Snowy Hydro and several tiers of Government in opening the new recreation area at Talbingo Dam. This facility is amazing with its own man-made beach, jetty and BBQ area. The Tumut Clontarf Academy has made use of it several times and we were honoured to join in to see it officially opened. Also last term we saw for Tumut High Teacher Mr Lotter perform at Tumut Takes 2 in which he raised money for us to have our

own storage facility at school. In doing so we assisted Mr Lotter by cooking BBQ's, auctioning jumpers and attending as many of the Tumut Takes 2 events we could. A massive thanks to Mr Lotter and the entire Tumut Takes 2 community for doing what you do in assisting so many local people.

Highlights for the Term

Leadership

Learning leadership is a key pillar of our program, and we know leadership can take form in many situations. One great example of leadership was on show at our awards night. Our Masters of Ceremonies for the evening were Cordell Coe from Year 7 and Jarbi Gillon of Year 9. Both of these boys did an outstanding job running the evening in front of just under one hundred people. When approached to host both boys jumped at the opportunity and should be commended for getting outside of their comfort zone. A special mention as well to Braiden Freeman of Year 8 who performed his own Acknowledgement of Country on the night in language. It is efforts like these that grow self esteem and set good examples for others. Well done lads.



Education



It isn't always school books that give the education at Tumut High. There can be some fun practical assessments as well. Whilst some of the Year 12 of 2022 were sitting their HSC exams, Jahkobi Hewitt (far left) was busy practising signing and performing. Here he is pictured with Room 4 classmates Aethon Bell and Liam Starr. The boys put in some solid practice sessions to tune up for their performance and who knows? The Tumut Clontarf Academy may have its first boy band.

Wellbeing

The change up from Year 10 to senior school can be a challenging one. This term all Year 10 students have taken part in “Transition Weeks” which is the school’s way of preparing students for what lies ahead. Clontarf staff seized that opportunity as well to take its Year 10 cohort on a “Transition Trip”. The camp was designed to have sessions with the boys discussing the differences between junior and senior school and making sure those all-important subject selections were sorted. But it wasn’t all pep talks and theory. Pictured here are the lads at Archery Attack in Melbourne where they got the opportunity



to blow off some steam, as well as showcase teamwork and problem solving skills.

Employment

Employment opportunities kept presenting themselves in Term 4 just like they had throughout 2022. One of the most interesting worksite visits for the year took place at the old Woodlawn mine site in Tarago NSW run by Veolia. A former zinc and copper mine, The Woodlawn Eco Precinct is Veolia’s 6,000ha site located approximately 50km north of Canberra and comprises several facilities including a Bioreactor landfill, BioEnergy plant, the Aquaculture (Barramundi) and horticulture (Beef, Sheep and Crop) farm, a Wind Farm and a Solar Farm. On this visit the boys got a look at all of the careers available at the site, including helping staff send a load of barramundi off to market from their fish farm.



Sport

Our Regional Cricket Carnival was held in Week 3 this term at Wagga Indoor Sports Centre. It was a fun filled day with Academies from Griffith, Tumut, Narrandera, Koorngal, Orange and Narrandera all participating and giving their best. It was great to see some boys who normally wouldn’t play cricket get in and have a crack and some laughs throughout the day. Well done to a new Academy in our region, Koorngal coming out winners on the day and a good introduction to Clontarf for their new crop of boys in the program. Also, special mention to Will Driscoll who got our Clontarf Spirit Award on the day showing great skills and sportsmanship.



Partners

On the 18th of October, six of our boys and six from Mt Austin had the opportunity to head up further into the Snowy Mountains for a three day camp with some of our foundations Partners. These opportunities are great for our Partners to see how Clontarf Foundation operates and spend time with the boys. Horse riding, fishing, swimming, team building, cook ups, camping and a worksite visit to Snowy Hydro were some of the activities we did together over the three days. We would love to thank Snowy Hydro, Qube, Blackwoods, Bunnings, Rio Tinto and Qantas for their contributions to the camp and as always, what they do for the Clontarf Foundation.



Looking Ahead

Term 1 of 2023 will see us continue to focus on the return of all activities to the program :

Well Being - Leadership

- Elders Morning Tea – Week 4
- Year 7 Induction Camp – Week 5
- Senior Footy Camp – Week 10

- Year 11 Leadership Dinner – Week 4
- Employment Info Day – Week 9
- Alumni Dinner – Week 11

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