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Tumut Clontarf Academy

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Newsletter

As with every year the Tumut Clontarf Academy has hit the ground running for the school year with a myriad of activities and lifelong memories for the members.

Even though we bid farewell to last year's graduates, we also then get to induct our next batch of members to the Academy. This year we welcome seven new members from the primary schools of the region and the lads got their first taste of a Clontarf Camp with an overnight trip to Talbingo. The group was joined by senior mentors Liam Starr and Isaac Castles and they got to share with the new crop the stories of other camps and also the expectations of how a camp ticks. By the looks of the smiles that got off the bus when we returned I would say that there will be many great memories made over the next 6 years for the fresh Year 7 cohort.

We have had strong numbers at morning training this term as well as visits from plenty of local partners including Local Inspector, Mr Josh Broadfoot and some staff from Wagga PCYC. We extend the invitation to any local people to come and join the fun on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

Pictured below is Clontarf members Haydyn Damm, Mason Kell-Cox, Liam Starr, Will Driscoll, Zain Brewer, Will Baker, Noah Buckmaster, Willy Coe (Franklin Public), Ryan Coe and Jackson Havers with Youth Engagement officers Troy Fisher and Zarina Munguia on their visit to Tumut High for morning training:



Community and Activities



Lots happening as always with our community involvement with the Academy being showcased on a few different levels. Academy Director Mat Chapman hosted the school P and C for an information session in the Academy space which was extremely well received. The room was also open earlier in the term for our Year 7 parents to look at the program. Both these moments were fantastic ones as we now start to get the opportunity to have visitors after not being able to for so long thanks to our old foe COVID 19. One other important and special moment was hosting our female staff here at Tumut High for a special morning tea as part of International Women's Day. As pictured to the left, it was a great turn out and the boys really relished in making these legends feel appreciated.

Highlights for the Term

Leadership

As mentioned above we hosted a special morning tea for International Women's day, and for the function a small group of our leaders were given the opportunity by our partners Woolworths to head into the Tumut store to bake some goodies. It was a double whammy for the boys to not only feel great about giving something away for the morning tea but also gaining the experience of what it takes to bake at Woolies each day. The very experienced Lexie Jefferee put the boys through their paces and showed them so much in a small amount of time. One lad who really stood out was Year 8 student Haydyn Damm, who made a very strong impression with Lexie. A massive thanks to Fiona and all the staff at Woolworths Tumut for being such great supporters of the Academy.



Education



Although it is an exciting time, heading into senior schooling can be extremely daunting, not only for students but also for parents and carers. Earlier in the term our Year 11 families got to head out for dinner with Clontarf and Tumut High Staff, to explain the level of support available for the boys as they navigate themselves through the next two years. The families, plus Chappy and Chicka were joined by the THS Principal Mr Brad Taylor and their Year advisor Mrs Veronica Friend as well as Employment Officer Mitch Fennessy, who spends a large amount of time with the boys in their senior years.

Wellbeing

Cooking is such an important life skill, catering is the next level up. This term we have commenced our Clontarf Masterchef Challenge by getting boys to nominate if they want to prepare a dish for our “Good Bunch Lunch” which we hold on Fridays for boys that have been at school for the entire week. The level of competition so far has been extremely high with meals including Jack Burnes’ homemade meatballs and spaghetti, Mason Kell-Cox (Pictured right) and his chicken parmy, Cordell Coe with his Italian lasagne made from scratch (big thanks to Ms Noordermeer for helping Cordell with the amazing pasta sheets) and the Dream Team with the classic snitty and gravy. Stay tuned for the update of meals in the next edition.



Employment

The Employment space continues to thrive at Clontarf Tumut with two of our Senior boys commencing SBAT’s this term. Brock Russell with Snowy Hydro and Seth Post at National Parks, have both set a fine example of making a good impression with both boys getting the opportunity off the back of successful work experience stints with these organisations in Year 10. Pictured on the left with Chappy is Seth Post, proudly in work uniform on his sign up day for his Certificate II in Conservation & Ecosystem Management Traineeship. Both lads spend one day a week with their employers whilst still being able to complete their schooling.



Sport

Clontarf footy was back with a bang this term with the new concept of our regional “Quad Series” being embraced by the boys. The Koorungal, Tumut, Mt Austin and Albury Academies are coming together twice a term for gala days in the Year 7 and 8 bracket as well as the Year 9 and 10 bracket. The Mighty Tumut Moths were the first hosts of the year having the Academies bring their Year 9 and 10 boys to the mountains for a great day of fun and action packed footy. As always our partners played a part in the day with Snowy Hydro sending a large contingent of staff to cook the bbq, run water and take photos. The NRL’s Zac Masters and Courtney Barrett warmed the boys up before the games and Woolworths Tumut provided the bbq and healthy fruit snack packs for all the teams to keep the growing lads nourished.



Pictured above is Jarbi Gillon making a charge with flying winger Liam Starr showing him how to brace for contact.

Partners

As mentioned above in the employment space we have had two boys commence School Based Traineeships this year. One of which is with our extremely supportive Partner Snowy Hydro. Pictured on the right is Year 11 Clontarf Member Brock Russell who commenced his Cert III in Business, next to Snowy Hydro's Mick Edwards who has the task of looking after the apprentices and trainees at Snowy. Mick is one of many Snowy staff that give their time to the boys at every opportunity through room visits and training sessions, and we are extremely grateful for him sharing his life experiences with the boys. Brock will join the admin team in Talbingo every Thursday and work through his Cert III online on Wednesdays at school. Many of you would know Brock from his time at the front of the counters at our other partner Woolworths Tumut.



Looking Ahead

Term 2 of 2023 will see us continue to focus on the return of all activities to the program :

Well Being - Leadership

- School Anzac Assembly 26th April
- Volunteering for Breakfast Club
- Drive Fitness Training Sessions

Education - Employment

- AKD Worksite Visit – Week 9
- Year 11 Cultural Work Shop – 25th May
- Alumni Dinner – 30th April

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