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Tumut Clontarf Academy

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Newsletter

Really? Term 2 is over? That has flown by. Perhaps it is the old saying, time flies when you are having fun. It has certainly been the case for the Tumut Clontarf Academy this term.

The Term started off with an amazing highlight in the very first week. In fact, the very first day. With members of the Academy volunteering to assist Mrs Swan with the Anzac Day assembly (as mentioned in the Leadership heading of this Newsletter).

Other amazing highlights have included, but not limited to – Worksite visit of the Tumut VISY Mill site, community BBQ held by Clontarf and Police Officers (Senior Constable Timothy Bourke, Sergeant Scott Holbutt, Senior Constable Troy Fisher and Constable Kym Crawford), Year 7 and 8 Rugby League Carnival in Griffith, Year 7 and 8 Basketball Carnival in Wagga, Year 9 and 10 Canberra Camp to the War Memorial and Questacon, Dangers of Vaping Session hosted by Griffith AMS, Top Trainers Camp to Sydney to Watch the Swannies, Year 11 Cultural Sessions at Sandhills and with local Wiradjuri artist Trent Bell (proudly supported by Brungle Tumut Cultural Natural Resource Management Team) simultaneous story telling at Brungle Public School, hosting a teacher's morning tea, Drive fitness sessions with Miss Rossington and Perry, and even squeezed in some trout fishing. You can see why time went fast!

Pictured below are Clontarf Leaders Nate Jackson, Jai Crampton Cordell Coe, Daniel Korn, Liam Starr, Jonathon Minogue, Ryan Coe and Brock Russell prior to the Anzac Ceremony in Week 1 :



Community and Activities



There is always strong community engagement from our lads in community, and this term has been no change to that mantra. The Clontarf boys were on hand to assist local police Youth Liaison Officers (mentioned above) in feeding the students and staff with a sausage sizzle in Week 9. A huge thanks to our Proud Partner local Woolworths Tumut and Store Manager Fiona McDougall for the generous assistance with the sausages and bread for the BBQ. Another great initiative with our local police

has been the involvement of officers at some of our training sessions. Pictured below is the new Highway Patrol BMW, brought along to a Drive Fitness session by Senior Constable Paul Dean from Highway Patrol and Inspector Josh Broadfoot. At these sessions we have also been joined by Snowy Hydro Staff including Peter Symons and Matt Richards and also Tumut High Teaching and Support staff. We have met five different Year 6 boys from both Franklin Public and Tumut Public and already these lads are getting a taste of Clontarf life.

Also this term Clontarf staff have volunteered a few Wednesday mornings in the School MPC assisting with the extremely popular Breakfast Club. Chappy and Chicka have assisted school Chaplain Don Fisher by manning the toasters when they can to keep all of the kids well fed giving them a great start to the day. "It is great to get out of a morning and see all of the kids. We think it is something we will do to help Don whenever we can throughout the year" said Ops Officer Leon "Chicka" Douglas. Term 3 already has plans underway for trips to Brungle Public school and a breakfast for local Snowy Valleys Councillors, which gives more opportunities for the program to shine in the community.



Highlights for the Term

Leadership

As mentioned above the term kicked off with a special Anzac ceremony which this year highlighted the roles played by our First Nations People during wartime. The assembly was a moving one with many important messages woven throughout the duration. Clontarf Academy members were involved in flag bearing, handing out of poppies, wreath laying, delivering the Acknowledgement of Country, and lastly Academy Member Cordell Coe read the poem by Cecil Fisher, "The Black Anzac". All boys were outstanding on the day, but Cordell deserves special mention as it was clear that he had practised his reading of the poem throughout the holidays and read it like a seasoned professional for the event. Well done Cordell.



Education



The trip out to Brungle Public School was a great interaction for not only the Clontarf boys, but also for both schools coming together for a wonderful event. Organized by Year 7 year advisor Ms Yvette Styles, three Clontarf boys Kobe Burns, who is also a former Brungle Public student, Jackson Havers, Jakobie Breed and also good friend Year 7 student Jeffery Whittaker. The story, "the Speedy Sloth", was read to students at Tumut Public School, Franklin Public School, Adelong Public School and Brungle Public School, in small friendship groups of around six students. The National Simultaneous Story Time initiative is an opportunity to build strong, positive interschool and community relationships while also providing avenues of leadership for all students in what should be an enjoyable experience for all involved.

Wellbeing

The cooking competition has continued to bubble along in the Academy room this term, however a real highlight in the wellbeing space was the reward trip for our top trainers to Sydney to watch the Swans. It just so happened to be the 300th game of indigenous AFL superstar Buddy Franklin. The boys (pictured to the right) earned their seat through not only training attendance but also participation and effort at sessions and gaining positive feedback in school and or community. The lads also got to catch up with members of the Wade Academy (Griffith) and were joined at the football by Tumut Academy Alumni Reggie Coe whom had just recently moved to Sydney.



Employment

Some wonderful news in the employment space has been that Year 11 student Isaac Castles (pictured) gained a role as kitchen hand at the Royal Hotel Kitchen in Tumut. Isaac has been working hard with Hospitality school staff member Mel, whom has guided him to the point where he went for an on-site trial and got himself a role. Well done Isaac. He joins Clontarf Academy Tumut Alumni Thomas Hibbens in the kitchen down at the Royal and he deserves special mention as only earlier last month Thomas bought himself a new car. It's great to see Tom still showing the boys what you can achieve through hard work and saving. Well done to you too Tom. Planning is underway for the Regional Employment Forum in Term 3 and this is an event for our senior students to get a look at a variety of employment opportunities for life after graduating.



Sport

The Year 7 and 8 boys travelled to Griffith earlier this term for the annual Under 14 Riverina Carnival and the boys after a rocky start managed to come away with the silverware. Combining with the recently opened Lake Cargelligo Academy, the combined team beat the competition favourites Griffith in the final. The day was full of Clontarf Spirit and all teams shared players when needed, and the better players really giving all boys an opportunity to shine. The rocky start was due to an early injury to forward Haydyn Damm, who broke his wrist early in the first game of the day. Haydo then had to spend the day in the hospital but once his wrist was re set he made the decision to continue the camp and stay with his Academy mates. Pictured on the right are members of the combined side at the trophy presentations.



Partners

Week 9 of the term a small group of Year 9 and 10 Academy members were lucky enough to get a worksite visit of the VISY Tumut site. VISY are a partner and great supporter of the Foundation and to get the boys out on site was a fantastic opportunity for the lads. Hosted by VISY employees Robert Moore and Anthony Sutton, the boys got to look first hand at the myriad of careers available at the site. "It is an impressive place. So many different work opportunities" said Linkin Fell from Year 9. "I had no idea of how the mill worked. It was so cool to see what happens out here. Sutto showed us around and everyone out there was so friendly," he added. The Academy has extended an invite to the Visy Staff for a



tour of their own space to return the favour. "Speaking to Robert today, we have locked in an Academy visit early Term 3 to continue to foster the relationship with the VISY staff. There are so many opportunities for employment here from so many different vocations. Today has been a great insight for these boys and really gives them something to think about for the future" said Mitch Fennessy, the Employment Officer of the Riverina Region of the Clontarf Foundation.

Looking Ahead

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

Well Being - Leadership

- Ross Kelly Cup
- SVC Community Breakfast
- Health Sessions @ Connection Medical

Education - Employment

- Employment Forum – 30th August
- Brungle Public School Expo
- AKD Worksite Visit

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