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Tumut Clontarf Academy

TERM 1 NEWS

Newsletter

Another school year has commenced and of course that means another year is underway in the Tumut Clontarf Academy.

This newsletter gives us a great opportunity to highlight to everyone the fun and rewarding things that the Tumut Academy has participated in last year and also give a quick overview of what is on the horizon at the Academy. All of which are important as we continue to improve their education, discipline, self-esteem, life skills and employment prospects.

Community and Activities

The Tumut Clontarf Academy have nominated themselves to help in several community activities this term, we are assisting Matthew Skein at Batlow as he was fire effected on his Orchard, Matthew has been a great supporter of ours and gives us many of his beautiful apples for the boys to enjoy in the academy room. We are also involved in Clean Up Australia Day and the boys are keen to volunteer again in the annual youth colour run which is run by Snowy Valleys Council.

Highlights for the Fourth Term

Leadership

During the previous year our senior students took the opportunity to lead their younger peers on our journey through the first year of Clontarf. Special mention must go to Daniel Hibbens (Pictured) winning the Principals Award, and also Reggie Coe. Reggie had an outstanding year with the Academy improving his attendance rate from below 50% to almost 90% for the year. This year Rhyce Russell and Jamie Hibbens assumed the role as mentors for the five Year 7 students on their first camp and induction into the Academy.



Education

This year we have been lucky enough to be given "Clontarf Time" on the fortnightly time table. This gives us the opportunity to meet with the boys in age specific sessions and assist with many things ranging from assignments to also hosting our all important health sessions which cover a variety of subjects.



Wellbeing

As previously mentioned. Our first camp has been a Year 7 induction camp, the venue was Talbingo and the boys got an overnight taste of what a Clontarf camp is. Activities included Swimming, Tennis, Touch footy and Bush Walking and also some peer support sessions where the boys all got to know each other better and this allowed Chappy and Chicka to start to build a solid relationship with our junior cohort



Employment

It was with mixed emotions we received the news that former member Corey Herrington (Pictured with local Partner Nick Roddy of Roddy Engineering) was not returning to school, sadness because of how great a role model he was for the boys but absolute joy to hear that Corey has started and apprenticeship with A Murray and Sons as a plumber. Chappy and Corey had organized his work experience with the company last year and Corey had made such a great impression that he was offered the position. A massive congrats to Corey and I am sure he will continue to make his family and community proud well into the future.



Sport

Last year in term 4 we were successful in winning the annual Cricket comp in Wagga and in this term we already have dates locked in for 2 junior footy matches versus Queanbeyan and the inaugural Clontarf Senior footy camp, this camp is for Year 11 and 12 students and gives them opportunity to represent Clontarf's Riverina Region at Sydney later this term.



Partners

The boys were treated with a visit from the Canberra Raiders for breakfast in Week 3. The staff from NRL commented on how well the boys presented themselves and interacted with the players. We also have planned in Week 9 a trip to Snowy Hydro and are taking on the Staff of the Tumut 3 station in a game of friendly touch footy. We once again thank Snowy Hydro for their ongoing participation in the program. Work is also underway on our trailer at Roddy Engineering this term. A huge thanks must also go to this local company that continue to provide work experience options to our members.



Looking Ahead

The rest of Term 1 and Term 2 are shaping up to have some exciting things happening for the Tumut Academy. Some major events that we look forward to include:

Sport

- Host Karrabar Week 4 (Rugby League)
- Fishing Comp in Griffith (Week 7)
- Senior Rugby League Camp (Week 11)

Employment

- Fire Station Visit Term 1
- Part Time Worker's Dinner
- Employment Forum Term 3

Education

- Dental Care Session
- Nutrition Session
- Assignment Support session

Camps

- Talbingo (Snowy Camp)
- 9/10 Trip to Canberra (Term 2)
- Corroboree Trip (Narrandera Term 2)

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