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Tumut Clontarf Academy

TERM 3 NEWS

# Newsletter

In what is constantly described as “unprecedented times”, life in the Clontarf Academy remained reasonably consistent for the term given the circumstances. We have had great engagement at training sessions and also in the Academy Room each day. Being on site also has meant that the Clontarf Staff have been able to support the lads as much as possible.

We managed to get some footy in at the start of the term which was fantastic, however the COVID restrictions around School Sport saw the cancellation of any more games that were planned. However we got on a nice roll with plenty of training sessions, afternoon activities and made huge inroads into getting all of our members through their annual health checks, a massive thanks goes to Dr Tran and all the staff at the Connection Medical Centre for helping us out this term.

## Community and Activities

Our Working Bee at Brungle Public School had to be rescheduled to Term 4, the boys are chomping at the bit to get out there and beautify the place. Our generous Partners at the Wagga Wagga Bunnings store have sorted us already with all our materials. We did manage to get to Franklin Public School to be part of their Naidoc Week celebrations with Ex Franklin Students Reggie Coe, Iziah Ford and Rubin Russell assisting the Franklin Student Leaders on the day. A massive thanks to all the students and staff at Franklin that made us feel so very welcome. With a special mention to Assistant Principal Mr Rav Reddy who made the kind donation to our Academy of a Foosball Table. Also his Hamburgers on the day where pretty special as well.

## Highlights for the Second Term

### Leadership

Early in the Term, Rubin Russell of Year 9 and Lachlan Breed of Year 8 gave up their time to read the school news on Sounds of the Mountains local Radio. The boys were extremely impressive reading a lengthy script confidently and clearly. They showed great teamwork and support chiming in for each other when things got tricky. They also managed to deliver the Clontarf News in the same segment and chatted with announcer Dave Eisenhuer about how they were coping at school through the COVID crisis. Well Done lads.



## Education

In Week 8, our two Year 12 students with University aspirations Liam Bell and Daniel Hibbens were fortunate to have a Zoom meeting with Andrew Sulter of the Woolyungah Indigenous Centre at the University of Wollongong. Andrew discussed with the boys the various supports that can be available to them when they head off to Uni. Both lads conducted themselves proudly and confidently. A big thank you to our Riverina Employment Officer Dane Kennedy for organising this introduction for the lads.



## Wellbeing

Afternoon Activities really ramped up late in the term with some great fun had from all the lads that chose to come. Pictured here is the group that headed to the skate park for a crack on the pump track on our own Academy bikes thanks to Officer Troy Fischer from the Wagga LAC. That day the boys also played “Devon Bingo” which provided plenty of laughs as one “Lucky” lad got himself a Devon and Tabasco sandwich. Other great highlights for the term were our day trips up to Rock Flat which had the boys participate in team building exercises. There will be plenty of these types of trips in the planner for term 4 to keep our boys engaged at school.



## Employment

In Week 4 a small group of senior students were treated to a tour of our local Tumut 457 Fire Station. Hosted by Fire Captain Mick Ivill, the lads got a close look at the possible employment pathways to a career in the Firey’s through the IFARES program with NSW FIRE & RESCUE. Mick also gave the lads the opportunity to look at the state of the art equipment that they use. Naturally a sit in the Fire Truck was a big hit. We look forward to this being a great start to our relationship with Mick and his team. The boys that attended were absolutely blown away by how interesting a career opportunity it is.



## Sport

As mentioned above we managed to get some footy in at the start of the term before restrictions hampered any other plans. Our Year 7 and 8 boys ventured to Wagga for the Junior Rugby League Carnival in Week 2. For the Year 7 group of lads it was their first taste of “Clontarf Footy” and they all had a blast. The year 8 boys showing them the way as they competed in games against Mt Austin, Narrandera and Griffith. Pictured here is Year 7 students Konrad Tybussek and “The Little General” Liam Starr. Both boys had benefitted from being regular trainers on Tuesday and Friday mornings.



## Partners

One of the most trying parts of the term has been to try and maintain our great relationship with our important partners like Snowy Hydro and Bunnings. Plans are in place for some joined activities for term 4 providing restrictions allow us to. One thing we have been able to do is continue our work on our fantastic trailer that is being donated by local partner Roddy Engineering. Pictured here are Academy members Aidan Breed and Adam Beaver getting instruction from Roddy's employee Dave Burnett. Dave has been a great instructor for the lads that have been attending the Roddy Engineering workshop and the boys have all improved their skills by a massive margin. Again we are so very grateful for the generous gesture by this local business. Who knows, there may be a budding metal fabricator or machinist amongst Dave's pupils?



## Looking Ahead

We have been working hard in preparing a program in term 4 with both the scenarios of camps being able to take place or if not our fun packed day trips. The highlight of what is slotted in so far is the Road Trip planned for our Year 12 boys who have achieved the ultimate goal in completing their high school career. This trip will feature many experiences of a lifetime including the amazing opportunity of climbing the Sydney Harbour Bridge!!!! Good Luck lads and Well Done. We cannot wait to show off those photos :

### Well Being - Leadership

- Year 12 Senior Road Trip
- Health Checks Will be finalised
- Deadly Choices Health Sessions

### Education - Employment

- AKD Worksite visit
- Academy Awards Evening

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