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Tumut Clontarf Academy

TERM 2 NEWS

Newsletter

Although it took 5 weeks into the term for school to resume with everyone back in class, things had not slowed up in the Clontarf Academy previous to that resumption.

Our Academy was extremely fortunate to be given permission to commence morning trainings early in the term. A massive thank you to Tumut High Principal, Mr Don Dixon for giving the boys the chance to engage in the program earlier than most schools in the country. This gave the boys the opportunity to not only engage in the program but more importantly with each other. Such a positive for the health and wellbeing of our Academy members. Both Chicka and Chappy worked very hard prepping these sessions and making sure all equipment was sanitized before and after use.

Community and Activities

Work continues with our Trailer Build at Roddy's as we edge closer to a finished product and hopefully by the end of Term 3 we will have completed the majority of the construction. A massive thanks to Hayden and Dave down at Roddy's for really taking the time to show the boys attending how to produce such a great product. You can really see that the staff at Roddy's take pride in the things they manufacture and this should set a great example for our young men. Planning has also commenced for a working bee in Term 3 out at the Brungle Public School. Stay tuned for information on that.

Highlights for the Second Term

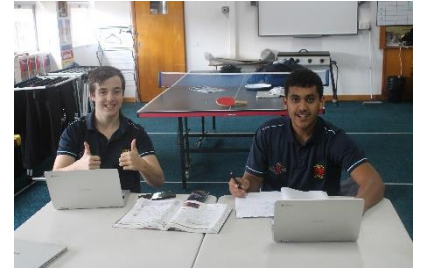
Leadership

Early in the Term, Year 12 student and Academy Senior, Daniel Hibbens was selected to take part in a "Zoom Meeting" with the Governor General and his wife, The Honorable Mr and Mrs David Hurley. This was an amazing honor for not only Daniel but for also the Academy, to be selected to be one of twelve lads when there is over 8500 boys to choose from is quite the accolade. Of course Daniel flew the town flag impeccably and handled himself with flying colours on the day, which was a part of the reconciliation week discussions for the Governor General. Mr Hurley spoke to Daniel about his recent visits to our fire ravaged area and mentioned that when he returns to the district that he looks forward to hopefully visiting the Academy room.



Education

It has been a difficult time for teachers and students negotiating how to cope during the COVID crisis. On line learning had its issues for a few lads with a lack of devices or network connection. Prior to the resumption of full time schooling on site, boys were able to access the Clontarf space to continue their learning. This proved very useful to our senior boys in particular. Pictured here are seniors Jamie Hibbens and Iziah Ford making use of the space when they needed it during that time.



Wellbeing

Our 'Clontarf Time' this term was highlighted with a "Sugar Session", which consisted of the boys involving themselves in some practical activities in the amount of sugar that goes into various drinks. From soft drinks, juices and energy drinks the boys were given the opportunity to guess the spoons of sugar in each one and then dish out that amount into a glass. The boys were indeed surprised to see just how much sugar goes in to the drinks they might drink from time to time. With diabetes and heart disease such a growing concern in Australia it is important to show our lads what they are putting in their bodies.



Employment

Last term we focused on one of our school based Trainees Liam Bell. This term we have moved that spotlight to Year 11 student Synantay Crane. Tay, as he is known, has worked at McDonalds for a few years now and is currently participating in a school based traineeship with the Tumut franchise. Anyone who frequents the restaurant would be familiar with Tay as he is infamous for his fantastic manners and customer service. When the opportunity to commence his SBT at the end of 2019 was presented to him. He jumped at it. Keep up the good work mate.



Sport

The sport part of our program had taken a bit of a hit in Term 2, however it did not stop the boys' commitment to staying fit and healthy. As previously mentioned, training resumed in the first week of term and the program was then tailored to be all non-contact cardiovascular sessions in the school MPC. An average of 12 students participated these sessions that were held three mornings a week for the first five weeks of term at 7am and then once school resumed back to two mornings a week for the remainder of the term. These sessions have all been followed by a hot breakfast and hot shower which have indeed been popular in the conditions. The level of commitment from these young men to brave the coldest period of the year should be commended and we look forward to heading back out on to the training paddock in Term 3.



Partners

As mentioned in the education section of our Newsletter, the lockdown presented a few hurdles for our boys. Our Partner Snowy Hydro kindly donated over 30 Google Chromebooks to our Academy for the boys to use to continue through this time with their education. Pictured in this photo is Snowy Hydro employee Peter Symons handing over the Chromebooks to Chappy. These devices have ensured that all boys have had the chance to work from home and also utilise them while at school. The Tumut Clontarf Academy is so very extremely lucky to have a strong relationship with Snowy Hydro and look forward to recommencing our touch football sessions with their staff once restrictions allow us to do so.



Looking Ahead

The crystal ball has certainly needed some shining as society has continued to navigate through these times. However with Term 3 seeing some resumption to sport and offsite visits where permitted, the program should slowly start to take shape back into a more engaging model for our Academy members. Some football games are being looked at as well as day trips for the lads which will give every member the opportunity to have something to look forward to in Term 3:

Well Being - Leadership

- Brungle Public School Working Bee
- Health Checks commence
- Healthy Lifestyles session

Education - Employment

- Employment Forum
- Assessment Support
- Work Place Visit to Fire Station

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