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Tumut Clontarf Academy

TERM 3 NEWS

Newsletter

Term 3 has absolutely flown by and there has been so many wonderful opportunities and special moments for all of our members of the Tumut Clontarf Academy. To be completely honest, as I write this I am almost certain that we will not fit in to our newsletter all of the great things we have experienced in the last ten weeks.

Camps continue to roll on and it almost feels like the days of no camps may be a distant memory (I hope this isn't a jinx). We had a great overnight camp for our Year 7 and 8 boys to Wagga Wagga, also as part of this term's "attendance challenge", we saw the Year 7 boys take a narrow victory over Year 8 and 9 who were tied for second. By winning the Challenge the Year 7 boys were treated to a short stay in Canberra for a trip to the infamous Burnes Club for dinner and Go Karts the following day. This trip was perhaps overshadowed by the Ross Kelly Cup Camp for Year 9 and 10. This one is a 4 day camp in Sydney and is the camp that all boys talk about (until they get to the Year 12 Major Camp). This camp included go karts, driving ranges, a trip to Snowy Hydro head office, a full day Rugby League and a formal dinner under the big top at Luna Park with every other Clontarf Academy in New South Wales.

The events below highlight what a great time the Academy has had this term:



Community Activities



Maintaining a sense of community is so important to the Clontarf Foundation and this term has seen our Academy make this a true focus. Pictured to the left was our “Teacher’s Morning Tea” where the boys invite the teachers at THS to join us in the Academy space to have morning tea and a dabble of ping pong. Also this term the boys donated their time at other community events including cooking the BBQ for Year 7 ALP as part of their NAIDOC week celebrations and also two hard working boys gave up a weekend and

cooked a sausage sizzle as part of the fundraising events for the popular Tumut Takes 2 event. We must also take the time to thank local educator Chris Lotter for kindly donating part of his fundraising toward a shipping container to be stationed at THS for our Academy to house our equipment.

Highlights for the Term

Leadership

As always there has been many significant moments of leadership shown by the members this term, but none more rewarding than the efforts of two of our Year 7 members, Haydyn Damm and Cordell Coe. These two lads volunteered themselves to Radio Co Ordinators, Kay Dodds and Mr V to read the news, and with no coaching they performed like seasoned veterans “Live” on radio. Both boys engaged in off the cuff conversation with Sounds of the Mountains Radio host Mr Dave Eisenhower and managed to maintain focus in delivering the THS school news. Planning is already underway to get the two stars down to a worksite visit with Dave in Term 4.



Education



From an education standpoint, Term Three always sees plenty of activity. Trial HSC takes up a few weeks of the timetable and gives the Year 12 students a good indication of what to expect next term. Also the subject selection process happens for the Year 10 cohort. Most of our members took the advice of looking closely at these selections and the boys should be very pleased with their attitude through the process. Also pictured is two of our teachers giving up their time after school to commence guitar lessons for those boys keen to try it out. Massive thanks to Mr Garns and Mr Ellyard.

Wellbeing

Food plays an important part of a healthy well-being and this term we have managed to have three great cooking sessions with the boys to show them how to prepare a good healthy meal and the significant difference in price compared to junk food. We also had our group of Year 10 boys look at the physical side of well-being by doing their first aid course. This was another layer of the group's rural fire service training but it also acted as a great circuit breaker for the boys to look at their own physical well-being and to be sure to manage it well so they don't require their recent first aid skills.



Employment

We have had a big term in the employment space with a number of boys placed out in work experience (pictured is Isaac Castles who is doing a block of work experience at great Clontarf Supporter, Pie in the Sky Bakery). The influx of work experience is at the hands of Employment Officer Mitch Fennessy, who took the boys around to various business houses and contractors of the boy's choice to try and get placed in professions they are interested in. A massive thanks to the ongoing support of THS Careers Advisor Mrs Jo Stroud for all her support in helping the boys get these opportunities. Also thanks to local organisations Snowy Service Centre, Roddy Engineering, Zac Masters (NRL Development), Jim Jefferies Concreting, Matt White (National Parks) and Kerrie Nolan (Royal Kitchen)



Sport

We had our tri-series footy day held in Goulburn in Week 3 for our Year 7 and 8 boys. Joining in for a fun day with the Karrabar and Airds Academies, this was the first time in three years that our boys got to compete against boys from our of our Riverina Region. The day was played in magnificent Clontarf Spirit and was a great opportunity for a few boys to catch up with cousins from further away. The highlight was an 80 metre intercept try from speedster Jai Crampton to seal the win versus the Airds Academy. In Week 10 our Year 9 and 10 major carnival "The Ross Kelly Cup" will take place in Sydney. Watch this space for some great pics and stories.



Partners

Continuing the employment theme, we must mention the partner support at our recent regional employment forum this was held in Wagga on 31st of August. We were lucky enough to have 16 partners and local supporters of the academy in attendance giving our senior boys a great insight to some fantastic opportunities and careers in our local area. We would like to thank Snowy Hydro, Visy, Essential Energy, TransGrid, Woolworths, Kmart, UGL, Sunrice, Coates Hire, TAFE NSW, RMS, Secure Energy, APA, Australian Defence, Craig Wilson Livestock and the NRL for taking time out of their day to talk to our boys.



Looking Ahead

Term 3 of 2022 will see us continue to focus on the return of all activities to the program :

Well Being - Leadership

- Snowy Partners Experience Camp
- Day trips to Lake Talbot
- Indoor Cricket Carnival In Wagga

Education - Employment

- Worksite Visit Woodlawn Mine Goulburn
- Work Experience for Year 10(Week 6)
- Annual Clontarf Awards Night

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