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Clontarf Newsletter

Term 1 2024



ABOUT THE ACADEMY

The Narrandera Clontarf Academy was founded in 2018 and operates out of Narrandera High School. It caters for students in Years 7 to 12 and currently has 41 boys engaged in the programme.

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Clontarf Foundation exists to improve the education, discipline, life skills, self-esteem and employment prospects of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and by doing so equips them to participate meaningfully in society.

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Message From The Director

The Narrandera Clontarf Academy kicked off 2024 with a flourish of activities and camps, setting the tone for an exciting year ahead. The academy, known for its commitment to empowering Indigenous youth through education and sports, wasted no time in engaging its students in a diverse range of experiences. From leadership workshops to outdoor adventures, the academy ensured that its participants were not only academically enriched but also personally and physically challenged.

Throughout the beginning of the year, students at the Narrandera Clontarf Academy delved into various team-building exercises, fostering camaraderie and resilience. They participated in outdoor camps where they honed their survival skills. These immersive experiences not only instilled a sense of confidence and self-reliance but also emphasized the importance of teamwork and collaboration.

As the academy continues to prioritize holistic development, its students are poised to thrive both on and off the field in the coming months.

Narrandera Clontarf Academy Staff Members



Year 7 Induction Camp



Last week's Induction Camp was held for the new Year 7 students at the Narrandera Clontarf Academy. The camp, held at Gogeldrie Weir, was a resounding success and has left a lasting impression on both the students and staff.

During the camp, there were plenty of moments filled with laughter and camaraderie as the students engaged in various activities. Notably, the students had the opportunity to go fishing, and many were thrilled to have caught their first fish. Additionally, a visit to the Whitton Malt house provided the students with the chance to further enjoy fishing and engage in a round of golf.

One of the highlights of the camp was Gary's special pasta dish, which was a massive hit among the students.

The boys couldn't seem to get enough of it, with many going back for seconds and even thirds. Gary's culinary skills truly impressed everyone present at the camp.

As the camp came to a close, the students enjoyed a delicious lunch at Subway on their way back. The entire experience was not only enjoyable but also served as a great opportunity for the students to bond and adjust to their new surroundings at the academy.

Overall, the Induction Camp was a valuable experience for the new Year 7 students, helping them feel welcomed and integrated into the academy community. We look forward to more successful initiatives in the future that continue to support and nurture the growth and development of our students.



Elecnor Australia Worksite Visit



I am writing to provide a summary and express gratitude for the recent worksite visit conducted by the Narrandera Clontarf Academy to Elecnor Australia. The visit, held last week, included the participation of students from years 10, 11, and alumni, aiming to offer them valuable insights into the workings of a campsite and what they can expect in such environments.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone involved in organizing and facilitating this visit, without whom this experience would not have been possible. Special thanks to the following staff members:

- Jo Mazzocchi – Senior Community Stakeholder Advisor
- Paul Sephton – HSE Advisor
- Chris Iseppi – HSE Advisor
- Alan McCrae – Project Manager
- Aaron Atkinson – Indigenous Engagement and Access Officer from Transgrid
- Nic McHenry – Grow Our Own Industry Liaison Officer from Regional Development Australia

Additionally, a huge appreciation goes to Ben Curphey for initiating and coordinating the visit, ensuring its success.

It is our fervent hope that this experience will inspire some of the Academy members to consider pursuing opportunities within the industry and potentially working at sites like Elecnor Australia in the future.

Thank you once again for your support and collaboration in providing these students with a valuable learning experience.





Year 12 Leadership Camp Sydney

Narrandera Clontarf Academy recently concluded a highly successful Year 12 leadership camp in Sydney. The camp was filled with a range of activities and opportunities that allowed our students to grow and bond in a meaningful way.

One of the highlights of the camp was our visit to NSW HQ, where we kicked things off with an exciting game of touch football. The enthusiasm and sportsmanship displayed by the students were truly inspiring. I would like to acknowledge our special guest, Jono Wright, for sharing his knowledge during the camp, especially for leading the session in a powerful war dance. His encouragement for everyone to step out of their comfort zones was truly motivating.

Another standout individual during the camp was Xavier Beauchamp, who demonstrated exceptional passion and leadership throughout the activities. His dedication and commitment to the activities were commendable, and it did not go unnoticed.

During the camp, we had the opportunity to hear a powerful story from the NRL on the impact of gambling, shedding light on an important issue that affects our community. This session provided valuable insights and lessons that I believe will stay with us for a long time.

In addition, a round of golf was organized with over 25 partners joining us, providing a platform for our members to network with influential individuals. This experience was invaluable and allowed our boys to engage with a diverse group of people, fostering connections that will be beneficial for their personal and professional growth.

To unwind and have some fun, our Academy members also enjoyed testing their skills on boogie boards at Bondi Beach. It was a refreshing and enjoyable experience that added a touch of adventure to the camp.

Overall, the Year 12 Leadership Camp was a rewarding and enriching experience for all Academy members. I am confident that the lessons learned, the bonds formed, and the memories created during this camp will have a lasting impact on our academy. I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this camp a success.

Thank you once again to every one of you for your participation and dedication during the camp. Let us carry forward the lessons and memories from this experience as we continue to grow and support each other as a group.





MCG AFL Experience 2024

On behalf of the Narrandera Clontarf Academy, I wanted to extend our sincerest gratitude for the incredible opportunity you provided to our Academy members during the recent trip to Melbourne.

The incentive trip to Melbourne for two days was a remarkable experience for all Academy members who have demonstrated positive engagement in school through their exemplary behaviour and attendance. Being a part of the guard of honour for the opening round game of AFL between Carlton and Richmond was an unforgettable moment that our students will cherish for a lifetime.

We are immensely grateful to Joy O'Hara, whose connections with the Carlton Football Club, specifically through her son, Zac Williams, made this opportunity a reality. Joy's efforts in organizing this event allowed our young men to be a part of something truly special. With a crowd exceeding 83,000 people, the atmosphere at the game was electrifying, and it was an enriching experience not only for the Academy members but also for the staff present.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Joy, Danielle Wiseman, Leigh, and all the staff at the Carlton Football Club for their unwavering support and dedication in making this memorable experience possible for our students. Your generosity and kindness have left a lasting impact on our Academy members, and we are truly grateful for the opportunity to be a part of such a significant event.

Once again, thank you for your invaluable support and for enriching the lives of our students through this incredible experience. Your generosity has not gone unnoticed and will be remembered fondly by all those who had the privilege to be a part of it.





Year 6 Transition Days

As the new school year commences, our Year 6 Clontarf members are gearing up for a journey of growth and achievement. With a focus on fostering positive behaviour and consistent attendance, we have set specific targets for them to meet over a period of two weeks. These targets are designed to instil responsibility, discipline, and a sense of commitment to their education and personal development. By adhering to these standards, our Clontarf members not only contribute to a conducive learning environment but also pave the way for their own success.

Those who successfully meet the set targets are rewarded with an unforgettable day out at the Whitton Malt House. Located amidst serene surroundings, this excursion offers our members a chance to unwind and engage in recreational activities such as golf and fishing. Beyond the enjoyment of these pastimes, the day serves as a celebration of their achievements, reinforcing the value of hard work and dedication.

Through experiences like these, our Year 6 Clontarf members not only cultivate positive habits but also forge lasting bonds with their peers and mentors, setting the stage for a fulfilling academic journey ahead.



Year 7/8 Rugby League



The Narrandera Clontarf Academy year 7/8 boys recently participated in a Rugby League tournament in Griffith, and I am thrilled to inform you that they performed admirably. Although they faced a tough Griffith team in the final match and were defeated, our boys managed to secure victories in 2 out of 3 games.

I believe it is important to acknowledge and applaud the hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship displayed by all the students during the event. Their exemplary behaviour on and off the field reflects positively on our academy.

After the intense matches, the team was able to unwind and relax with a refreshing swim at the aquatic centre in Griffith before returning home to Narrandera. It was a well-deserved treat for their efforts.

I want to take this opportunity to encourage and inspire these young stars to continue shining bright in their future endeavours. Let's support and motivate them to strive for success both in sports and academics.





Swimming Carnival 2024

Our Academy members showed great enthusiasm and effort at the school swimming carnival. Despite the tough competition, all boys gave their best, resulting in a couple of remarkable honours filled with excitement. I am thrilled to announce that members of the Narrandera Clontarf Academy made history by achieving all the age champion titles. This remarkable achievement marks a significant milestone for the Academy, demonstrating the dedication and hard work of its members. The victories at the swimming carnival are a testament to the commitment of our students and the excellent support they receive from our staff and coaches. It is inspiring to see our young athletes excel in both their academic and sporting pursuits. Additionally, one of our academy members impressed everyone by winning the bombing contest, adding another highlight to our team's success. I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the participants, especially the Narrandera Clontarf Academy members, for their outstanding performance and sportsmanship. Their achievements have brought pride and joy to our school community. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the swimming carnival, including the organizers, volunteers, and supporters. Your efforts have made this event a memorable and enjoyable experience for all involved. I look forward to celebrating more achievements and successes with our students in the future. Together, we will continue to nurture talent, encourage teamwork, and inspire excellence in all areas of school life.



Top Photos For Term 1





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Term 2 - 2024



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
WEEK 1	29 Apr Term 2 Starts Principal Meeting 8:15am Year 7 Contact time 5/6 – Birth certificates Monday Mob Feed- No negative incidents periods 1-2	30 AFTERNOON ACTIVITY Touch @ Park	1 May MORNING TRAINING – Basketball stadium	2 AFTERNOON ACTIVITY uncle Micks JBS – Plant manager visit to Academy room @11am	3 MORNING TRAINING - Hall Sports Good Bunch Lunch Opens Touch football trial's Jubilee park Wagga Wagga 10am-2pm	4	5
WEEK 2	6 Principal Meeting 8:15am Year 8 Contact time 5/6 – Birth certificates Monday Mob Feed- No negative incidents periods 1-2	7 AFTERNOON ACTIVITY Touch @ Park	8 MORNING TRAINING Hall Sports Western Home Game – Lake Cargelligo fishing competition 9/10/11	9 AFTERNOON ACTIVITY KO - Buckley Shield RL @ Leeton	10 MORNING TRAINING—Hall Sports Good Bunch Lunch School Athletics Carnival	11	12
WEEK 3	13 Principal Meeting 8:15am Year 9 Contact time 5/6 – Birth certificates Monday Mob Feed- No negative incidents periods 1-2	14 AFTERNOON ACTIVITY Touch @ Park	15 MORNING TRAINING Basketball stadium Year 7 Camp Billabong Ranch	16 AFTERNOON ACTIVITY uncle Micks Health Checks Year 7 Camp Billabong Ranch	17 MORNING TRAINING Hall Sports Good Bunch Lunch Year 7 Camp Billabong Ranch	18	19
WEEK 4	20 Principal Meeting 8:15am Year 10 Contact time 5/6 – Birth certificates Monday Mob Feed- No negative incidents periods 1-2	21 AFTERNOON ACTIVITY Touch @ Park	22 MORNING TRAINING Hall Sports Year 7/8 Dinner Commercial Club	23 AFTERNOON ACTIVITY Year 7/8 Rugby League Carnival	24 MORNING TRAINING Hall Sports Good Bunch Lunch	25	26
WEEK 5	27 Principal Meeting 8:15am Year 11 Contact time 5/6 – Birth certificates Monday Mob Feed- No negative incidents periods 1-2	28 AFTERNOON ACTIVITY Touch @ Park Senior Catch up and Lunch	29 MORNING TRAINING Basketball stadium	30 AFTERNOON ACTIVITY uncle Micks Health Checks	31 MORNING TRAINING Hall Sports Good Bunch Lunch	1 June	2 National PD- Travel Day
WEEK 6	3 Principal Meeting 8:15am Year 12 Contact time 5/6 – Birth certificates National PD – Sessions Day Monday Mob Feed- No negative incidents periods 1-2	4 AFTERNOON ACTIVITY National PD – Sessions Day	5 MORNING TRAINING National PD -Travel Day	6 AFTERNOON ACTIVITY uncle Micks	7 MORNING TRAINING Hall Sports Good Bunch Lunch	8	9
WEEK 7	10 King's Birthday Public Holiday	11 AFTERNOON ACTIVITY Touch @ Park	12 MORNING TRAINING Basketball stadium TransGrid- Worksite visit Wagga Wagga -	13 AFTERNOON ACTIVITY uncle Micks Health Checks	14 MORNING TRAINING Hall Sports Good Bunch Lunch	15	16
WEEK 8	17 Principal Meeting 8:15am Year 7 Contact time 5/6 – Birth certificates Monday Mob Feed- No negative incidents periods 1-2	18 AFTERNOON ACTIVITY Touch @ Park	19 MORNING TRAINING Basketball stadium Employment Forum- Wagga Wagga	20 AFTERNOON ACTIVITY uncle Micks	21 MORNING TRAINING Hall Sports Good Bunch Lunch	22	23
WEEK 9	24 Principal Meeting 8:15am Year 8 Contact time 5/6 – Birth certificates Monday Mob Feed- No negative incidents periods 1-2	25 AFTERNOON ACTIVITY Touch @ Park Partner Interaction	26 MORNING TRAINING Basketball stadium End Of Term Trip	27 AFTERNOON ACTIVITY uncle Micks	28 MORNING TRAINING Hall Sports Good Bunch Lunch	29	30
WEEK 10	1 July Principal Meeting 8:15am Year 9 Contact time 5/6 – Birth certificates Monday Mob Feed- No negative incidents periods 1-2	2 AFTERNOON ACTIVITY Touch @ Park	3 MORNING TRAINING Basketball stadium	4 AFTERNOON ACTIVITY uncle Micks	5 MORNING TRAINING Hall Sports Term 2 Ends Good Bunch Lunch		

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Health Checks
Camps
Life Skills
Leadership
Other

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