



September 2016

Central Region Academies Term 3 Newsletter

Welcome to the Second Clontarf Central Region Newsletter for 2016.

This term has seen Academies participate in Henley on Todd, Northern Football Carnival Kununurra, Annual Clontarf Employment Forum, YAM Festival and Health Checks. The Academies have focussed on engagement of students to improve overall school attendance and member interaction in Academy activities.

Employment Forum

(Centralian Senior College and Yirara College Academies)

The Clontarf Foundation conducted its annual Central Region Employment Forum for 2016 at the classy Double Tree by Hilton premises. Over 30 Academy members attended the night from Centralian Senior College and Yirara College. The Clontarf Foundation was well supported by local business and government agencies. The night consisted of a rotation system where students had face time with employers. Special guest speakers in former Clontarf Graduates Bradley Johannsen and Wendell Woods, Aboriginal Police Officer Lachlan Boles and Clontarf Zone Manager for WA & NT Gavin Greaves also presented. Clontarf Employment Officer Simon Coutts said, "I was very happy with the commitment from local and interstate providers who engaged meaningfully with our Clontarf senior students." Year 11 Clontarf member Aaron Palmer said, "It was indescribably good, I have to say it was good to see all us fellas interacting with local businesses and it has also given us some great opportunities for when we finish Year 12." Year 12 Jahkiem Holtze – Furber said, "I really enjoyed the Employment Forum last night. There were plenty of opportunities in and around the tables. I'll really consider working with one of the companies one day." The Clontarf Foundation is looking forward to next year's Employment Forum as it's a major event in our annual calendar.



Employment Forum Group Shot

Henley on Todd

(Centralian Senior, Centralian Middle & Yirara College Academies)

Clontarf Foundation Students attended this year's Henley on Todd volunteering in a variety of activities. The students cooked the Rotary BBQ, helped direct / marshal at the parade, collected post codes for the Rotary and entered teams in the events. This is an important part of our program developing students to become more confident, to build self-esteem and enable them to be confident in society.

On behalf of the Board of the Rotary Alice Springs Henley on Todd Inc., and the three Rotary Clubs of Alice Springs, I extend my deepest gratitude for the assistance and participation by members of the Clontarf Foundation and for their support of this iconic event held every year in Alice Springs. Staff and Students played a key role in assisting Rotary to collect data that substantiates our visitor stats, cooked at the BBQ, helped with marshalling the participants in the races and some even participated in the races as well. What stood out was how much confidence the students had in asking patrons to stop and answer questions – a task they performed without hesitation and with absolute confidence. The students are to be congratulated for developing that level of self-esteem and commitment. This partnership between Rotary and Clontarf has been a significant one, and we are pleased to say that as Rotarians, we value this partnership and will continue to engage Clontarf Alice Springs in the work of our individual clubs and in the Henley on Todd. I thank you for your support and great work. The volunteer effort that Clontarf puts into community events is highly valued and appreciated and absolutely adds to the social fabric of Alice Springs. I look forward to an ongoing relationship with Clontarf here in Alice Springs and supporting the students in their community engagement activities.

Sincerely
Bill Palmer
Commodore 2016



Centralian Senior College Academy



Yirara College Academy with the Pirates

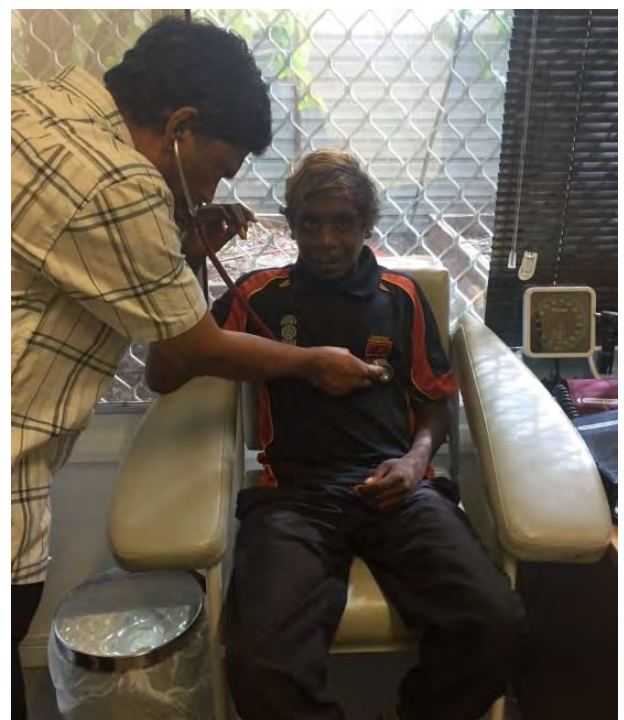
Reclink Grand final (Centralian Senior College Academy)

Clontarf Desert Eagles participated in the Reclink Grand Final day at Trager Park. Twenty two Academy members played in both teams in an exciting brand of football, with Reclink Roos winning by one goal. This activity was to support Reclink - an organisation whose mission is to provide and promote sport and art programs for people experiencing disadvantage. Our Academy members enjoyed the day meeting new people and learning about Reclink.



Centralian Senior College Academy members with Reclink Staff and Umpires

Health Checks



Academy Students at Health Checks

Youth Arts and Music Festival 2016 (Tennant Creek High School Academy)

Throughout Term 3 Tennant Creek Academy prepared Year 8 and Year 9 classes to produce Art we could display and food we could sell at the YAM Festival in Alice Springs.

Our fellas put together some mosaic pieces of art. One was the Barkly Blazers logo and the other was of Isaiah Farrell-Nelson taking a mark. Students also produced two canvases, a parrot and magpie and pottery constructed in class.

The morning of the YAM festival we went into Woolworths with our eight Academy members to complete the food shopping for our chicken and vegetable satays. Our members then had to work as a team to slice up the 15kg of chicken, 15 capsicum and 3kgs of onions. The members all chipped in slicing up the ingredients, then as a group we all started to put the chicken and vegetables onto the skewers. All together 250 skewers were prepared to be sold at the YAM festival.

All Central Region Academies attended the day working together to provide the community with a great day for Alice Springs youth. The experience our members gained was food preparation, cooking, showing manners while in unfamiliar scenery, interacting with other Academy members and general community.



Jae Clarke serving food



James McNamee on the BBQ



Travis Kenny & Declan Miller painting



**Nathan Campbell
(Parrot Painting)**

**Caleb Dobbs
(Magpie Painting)**

Northern Carnival Kununurra

(Centralian Middle School, Yirara College and Tennant Creek High School Academies)

This year saw a record 18 Clontarf Academies and 400 Academy members participate in the Northern Carnival held in Kununurra, WA. Academies from the Northern Territory crossed the NT/WA border to take part in what would be an epic few days of footy action.

During the carnival, participants were lucky enough to receive a surprise visit from former Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon. Tony Abbott. Mr Abbott mixed in with the boys and enjoyed some light conversation while learning the craft of kicking a drop punt.

Over the course of the carnival many close games were played, but in the end there were only two teams left to take on the challenge of being named the 2016 Northern Carnival Champions.

With Roseberry Academy representing the Northern Territory and Broome Team 2 holding the mantle for the Kimberley, the scene was set for a great game. After a close-fought battle, Roseberry came out with the honours.

However the carnival wasn't just an opportunity to enjoy competitive games of footy. The boys participated in a range of activities, including a valuable CPR and DRSABCD course conducted by St John Ambulance. It was positive to see each Academy involved and showing genuine enthusiasm for learning new skills that could potentially be lifesaving in the future.

They also had the chance to hear from Australian Army Reserve personnel at an insightful employment session held at NORFORCE base. Throughout the event, each Academy showed true 'Clontarf Spirit' and demonstrated their understanding of Clontarf's five pillars on and off the field.



Tennant High School Academy members at the Northforce Base in Kununurra

Yeperenye Shopper Trolley Assist Program

Yeperenye Shopping Centre has been a proud supporter of the Clontarf Foundation since its inception in 2007. In 2012 we worked with Clontarf and Woolworths Supermarket to develop what we now call the Shopper Trolley Assist Program. It involves boys from the academy helping shoppers with their trolley's of groceries to their cars. It was designed to engage the community with the program and the young members that will be the future leaders of our town. It also creates confidence among the boys when having to talk to strangers simply to ask if they would like help and then explain what the program is about. It has been very popular and the feedback has been exceptional.

Ms Nicole Walsh, Marketing Manager Yeperenye Shopping Centre



Centralian Middle School Academy members at Yeperenye Shopping Centre

Eltham College visit

(Yirara College Academy)

Yirara Brumbies hosted Eltham College and Centralian Senior College in a Tri-Series competition. Each team played one another with the two best performing teams playing off in the Grand Final.

The Brumbies started a little slow losing game one against Eltham College, but after they went into full flight defeating Centralian Senior College Academy to secure a position in the Grand Final.

From the first bounce of the Grand Final you could see what a win would mean to the Brumbies. Players started running harder, encouraging one another and working better as a team. After being down all game and against all odds the Brumbies hit the lead with less than a minute to go with Laz Jones crumbing a goal securing the victory.



Eltham Students, CSC and Yirara Academy members

Student Profiles

Name: Jahkiem Holtze – Furber

Year Level: 12

Nickname: Dreamy

Age: 17

Academy: Centralian Senior College

Favourite Food: Bacon and eggs

Favourite Band: Metallica

Favourite TV Show: Game of Thrones

Favourite Movie: Hobbit

AFL Team: Sydney Swans

NRL Team: South Sydney

What do you like about school?: Socialising and finishing assignments on time

What's your dream job: Boiler Maker

Name: Caleb Gerrard

Year Level: 8

Nickname: Loose

Age: 14

Academy: Centralian Middle School

Favourite Food: Spaghetti Bolognese

Favourite Band: Kings of Leon

Favourite TV Show: The Footy Show

Favourite Movie: Troy

AFL Team: Hawthorn Hawks

AFLCA Team: Pioneer Eagles

NRL Team: Parramatta Eels

What do you like about school?: Learning

What's your dream job: Diesel Mechanic



Tennant Creek Academy
"Blazers"



Yirara Academy
"Brumbies"



Centralian Middle School
Academy "Titans"



Centralian Senior College
Academy "Eagles"

Major Dates Calendar

Yeperenye Shopping Assistance Program

Term 3 - Various dates

Students to assist shoppers with trollies and shopping

Number of Academy participants in Central Region

241 students

Academy Year 12 Participants

Centralian Senior College Academy: 8

Tennant Creek Academy: 6

Health Check Completed

93 students

Overall Academy Attendance

Term 3:

- CMS Academy is up by 3%, Term 2 - 76% and Term 3 - 79%.

- Yirara Academy is up by 16% Term 2 - 77% to Term 3 - 93%.

- CSC Academy is up by 7% Term 2 - 69% to Term 3 - 76%.

- Tennant Creek Academy is up by 5% Term 2 - 76% to Term 3 - 81%.

Visiting Academies

Orange and Broken Hill Academies

27th of Nov – 2nd of Dec

Alice Springs

Academy Major Camps

Centralian Senior College Academy

Gibb River Track WA 4th – 11th of December

Tennant Creek Academy

Melbourne 27th of Nov - 6th December

Centralian Middle School

Melbourne 4th – 11th of December

Yirara Academy

Cairns 2nd – 10th of December

Clontarf Awards Night

Centralian Senior College

Tuesday 29th of November 2016

6pm – 8pm



[Yirara and Centralian Middle School Academies having dinner at Kununurra](#)