

East Kimberley Clontarf Academy Newsletter

Term 4 - 2019



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From The Academy Director - James Castles

It has been a busy and exciting start to term 4, it's hard to believe we are half way through our final term for the year.

The first major celebration was watching our Year 12 boys receive their completion certificates at our recent Year 12 assembly.

This is a significant achievement for the boys that have committed to finishing secondary school, it was important to see family and friends there to celebrate this significant accomplishment.

Congratulations to Taylen Bin Busu, Brett Nelson, Liam Nelson, BJ Webster and Peter Harrington, you are all role models to our younger academy members.

We look forward to further recognising the efforts of the all the boys at our Academy Awards Night.

We invite you all to come down to the EKC Performing Arts Centre on Wednesday 11th of December to help celebrate our amazing young men.

Regards James Castles.



Academy Commitments:

Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
<p>6.30am: Training and Breakfast</p>	<p>7.00am – 7.45am: Pancake Breakfast Clontarf</p> <p>Form 8:00am- 8:15am: at Junior Academy</p>	<p>6.30am: Training and Breakfast</p>

Academy Stats:

East Kimberley Clontarf Academy at a glance...	
<p>105 Academy Members</p>	<p>80% Total Attendance</p>

School info:

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Alumni are helping us change the quality of our boys' lives

Term 4 saw two former alumni come into the academy, **Kirstin Hunter** a graduate from **Katherine Academy** and **Ricky Mclean** a graduate from the **Manning Academy**.

Both lads were exceptional speakers, covering topics such as mental wellbeing and checking in on your mate, and the awkward conversation about STIs and how to keep yourself safe.

These two young men are an asset to the community and our academy.

Cam Jackson – Operations Officer Year 9 & 10



Player Profile: Mervyn Wilson

Name: Mervyn Wilson

Place of Birth: Kununurra

AFL Team: Sydney Swans

Hobbies: Footy, basketball, having fun

Future Employment: Engineering, police officer, footy or basketball player

Favourite Subject: English (creative writing)

Advice to Academy Members: Take it slow and take in the best moments

Who is your Idol: My big sister



Leadership Program Inspires Students

In Week 3 our academy played host to Mercy Regional College, this was part of a Mercy/Clontarf Immersion and Leadership program.

The program provided our boys with lots of learning and leadership opportunities and also moments to share knowledge, culture, and showcase the wonderful landscape that surrounds Kununurra.

The activities included visiting Secret Springs, going to the Kununurra Picture Gardens, canoeing, fishing, stand up paddle boarding, and the sunset cruise at Lake Argyle.

The highlight for many students, was driving out to the Keep River and catching a Barramundi.

Activities like these provide our boys with a sense of pride and assist in developing leadership skills when hosting visitors.

Well done to all the boys that were selected to help out with this event.



Major Camp to Palm Beach

On November 1st the Year 11 and 12 boys from the Kununurra Clontarf Academy embarked on a well-earned Major Camp to Palm Beach, New South Wales, with a few stops along the way.

Departing in the afternoon, we arrived in Darwin in time to make our way to TIO Stadium to watch the Southern District Crocs vs. the Darwin Buffaloes, which saw a close game and the Crocs just getting in front in time to take the win.

The evening was spent at the Palmerston Clontarf Academy and they were great for allowing us to stay the night.

The next day, after a solid workout at The Gateway Fitness Playground and breakfast at The Coffee Club, it was off to the airport and on the plane to Sydney.

The two nights and three days spent in Sydney covered many activities such as The Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb, Manly Ferry ride (some also missing the ferry home), shopping at Pitt St. Mall (Culture Kings was the favourite), Teppanyaki dinner (with some average catching, BJ) and an amazing visit to Sydney University.

It was then off to Palm Beach, about an hour out of the city, very well negotiated by the two drivers. Arriving to see Bill and VJ was a fantastic moment and one a long time in the making.

The only aspect to top the amazing house we encountered, was the hospitality provided by Bill and VJ, it was an experience the boys will never forget.

Some of the activities that were experienced in Palm Beach were a walk and tour to Barrenjoey Lighthouse (thanks, Col), Drive in the Tesla, Melbourne Cup sweep (Brett says thanks, Bill), visit the Home and Away set, a fantastic Emu Dreaming tour (amazing, Bill), surf lessons (look out Pipeline) and a brilliant Paella dinner on the final night, giving the boys the opportunity to meet some great people and tell them their Clontarf story.

It was such a relaxed atmosphere and again, the hospitality was absolutely brilliant.

It was then off early Thursday morning and back to Darwin where the boys were to train with the Southern District Crocs and get a taste of football, Darwin style.

After dinner and a movie, it was off to bed to be ready for the trip back to Kununurra the next day. A great experience was had by all the boys and one they won't be forgetting anytime soon.

A big thankyou to Bill and VJ such a great opportunity you provide for Clontarf boys, and to Mr. Sydney, Mark Critch, it was great to reconnect and thanks for the assistance.

Campbell Robertson – Operations Officer Year 11 & 12



Survivor Clontarf – “The Big River Challenge”

With temperatures in Kununurra reaching the low 40s, we took our Term 4 team building sessions to the picturesque Lake Kununurra and the Kununurra Ski Club facility.

Supported by our School Chaplain, Kim Moore, our Year 5 and 6 boys were split into two even teams and given Survivor bandannas.

Pitting Clontarf Orange against Clontarf Red, the boys were set challenges in which teamwork was key.

Racing between the river and a half metre long cylinder, the boys had to transport a single cup full of water at time in order to fill a cylinder which held a much needed key.

With speed an initial barrier to the boys getting maximum water into the cylinder, they soon determined that slow and steady wins the race with the first key rising to the top.

With the first key out, this was used to unlock a padlock and release a puzzle that proved more difficult than it looked.

Once completed, the third challenge was to build a raft with just four 20 litre water containers, a 3 metre plank of wood and 5 metres of rope.

Team work was the key to designing a raft that would float as the “survivors” had to have one of their team members balance on it within the water for 10 seconds.

Challenges proved harder than the boys first thought but with perseverance and team work great fun was had by all and the boys “survived” the “The Big River Challenge”.

Special thanks to our School Chaplain, Kim Moore and Education Assistant, Danny Carter for your unwavering support and encouragement of our boys.

Matt Clucas – Operations Officer Year 5 & 6



Boab Basketball Carnival - Derby

On the 12th of November the Kununurra Clontarf Academy hit the long drive to Derby to participate in the Derby Clontarf Basketball Carnival.

The long drive included games of UNO on the bus and listening to a mixture of music to keep the boys entertained.

Carnival was held on the 13th of November at the Derby Recreation Centre.

The Kununurra Clontarf Academy enjoyed the competition and demonstrated leadership skills.

Jojo Hart won the MVP for his skills both on and off the Court.

Nathaniel Rogers was awarded the Clontarf Spirit Award for his behaviour both on and off the courts.

The day ended with a nice swim in the town pool and a BBQ with all the Kimberley Academies.

The trip was well attended by 12 students and two staff, Cam Jackson and myself.

Shayne Williams – Operations Officer Year 7 & 8



Breakfast with the Boss



– Monday 9th December 2019 –



Special guest:

Join Clontarf CEO Gerard Neesham for breakfast!

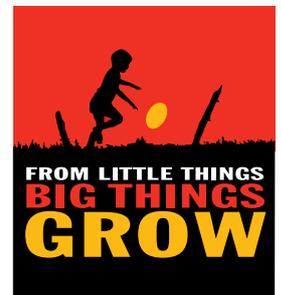
Training: 6.30am – 7.30am on the school oval

Breakfast: 7.30am in the Senior Clontarf Academy

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East Kimberley Clontarf Academy End of Year Awards

Join the boys, staff and teachers to celebrate the achievements
of the East Kimberley Clontarf Academy in 2019



Wednesday 11th December 2019, 5.00pm - 6.30pm
East Kimberley College - Performing Arts Building
(79 Mangaloo Street, Kununurra)

5.00pm - 5.30pm: Finger food and light refreshments

5.30pm - 6.30pm: Awards ceremony

Academy members are required to wear nice shirt shorts/pants
and closed in shoes

Please RSVP by 4th December to James Castles
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