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# Term 2 Wrap 2022

# Barbarian Bulletin

## Palm Beach Currumbin Clontarf Academy News

### Message from Director - Andy Lovell



As we fast approach the end of another busy term we have the opportunity to reflect on quite a few significant achievements for our boys here at the Clontarf room:

#### Attendance

Overall attendance for the term has sat at 80% which sits above the school average (a significant result given the instances of absences due to sickness throughout the whole school)

#### Camps

We ran a camp for every year cohort except Year 12 who, due to their heavy workload and commitments we chose to take them for a day trip to Byron to continue to explore their leadership potential. Other year groups attended camps at Currumbin Valley & Tallebudgera Creek as a part of the Clontarf Gold Coast Cup Rugby League Tournament. These are a great tool for our staff to continue to build layers into our relationships with the boys and provide them

with a whole range of different life experiences outside of the classroom.

#### Worksite visits

As a part of our ongoing commitment to building capacity within our boys for work we are lucky to be associated with a number of excellent corporate partners who allow us to expose the boys to an array of different workplace experiences including Kmart, BIG W, Coates Hire, Woolworths and Bunnings.

We thank our many great partners for their generosity of time and expertise in allowing our boys to get a look at what is possible in the employment space going forward as they progress through their school journey.

#### Educational Tours

Alongside our workplace space we have developed strong links with a number of local universities including Griffith, Bond and Southern Cross University which has allowed us to chaperone many of our Year 10 11 & 12 boys on campus tours and discover the many and varied opportunities that exist within the tertiary education sector as well as the many alternate pathways into university.

#### Educational Support

Despite the challenges with illness that has struck many families this winter we have teamed up with the teachers to offer consistent levels of support for our boys across all disciplines and subjects. The boys have been proactive in seeking help when they need it and the teachers continue to communicate regularly around the boys' academic progress.

#### Community

We are ever conscious of connecting our boys and our Foundation to the local community and this term we have been able to participate in a number of special community activities including:

- Year 10 Mentoring Program at Currumbin Special School
- Year 8 & 9 tree planting project at Currumbin Valley
- Year 8 & 9 Yarn w Uncle Steve Cora Currumbin Valley
- Currumbin State Primary School NAIDOC Assembly.

Our boys have loved having the opportunity to connect with members of our community and are appreciative of the fact that they get to give back in some small way.

Finally, a big thanks as always to PBC Executive Principal Chris Capra and his executive team as well as all the teachers who work tirelessly to offer the best environment possible for the boys to learn. Also to Trish Borg, Naomi Appanui and Kylie Cox, we really appreciate your advice and support every day, thank you.

To our staff here at Clontarf PBC Sam Ellis, Daniel Lorroway and Jordan Atkins our Employment officer a huge thanks for all the hard work they do.

We all look forward to a rest and then continue into Term 3 where we can continue the boys on their Clontarf journey.

### Currumbin Special School Mentor Program

We have been blessed to be able to take four Year 10 boys Harry Chadburn, Kyden Lamos, Brock Tighe and Reef McKay to Currumbin Special School to mentor their cohort of Indigenous boys.

After the initial introduction in Week 1 where the boys shared their experiences around footy and skateboarding it was straight into interactive games including Rugby League and basketball which was the boys' favourite.

Both the Clontarf boys and the lads from the Special School have had a ball together and we envisage this program continuing into Term 3 and beyond.

A very special thanks to Trish Borg PBC (Indigenous Community Liason Officer) Murri Jarjums for her support on this project and her ongoing energy in connecting us to the community.

We can't wait to take the Special School boys on in a rematch on the basketball court.





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## Camp Highlights



### Year 7 Camp

Earlier this term we finally got to take our Year 7s for their Induction Camp.

The camp gave us the opportunity to focus on the Clontarf values, expectations and what it means to be an academy member. When we arrived the boys got straight into making fire with fire sticks, followed by a Acknowledgment of Country. The boys then tried out rock climbing with a few boys making it to the top pretty quickly.

After a bit of free time in the afternoon, we got to sit around the camp fire with the great man Andy Lovell who went through the Clontarf Values and expectations. Andy and myself were very impressed with the boys given it was their first camp with Clontarf. Overall the camp was a huge success.

### Year 8/9 Camp

After getting over the Covid restrictions, flooding and dodging around the boys busy Rugby schedule we found a time to take Year 8/9 to Talle Rec School.

The theme for this camp was respect and leadership, and Bryce Roberts at the Rec School created a program which helped lead the boys into some self discovery about what those words mean.

On the first day the boys did a 5km bush walk, which included various team building exercises along the way. Some unlikely leaders shone throughout the day and was a really good exercise for this particular group and in their own words they felt more like a team than they did at the start of the day.

Following on from this the boys were very lucky to have the chance to speak with Uncle Steve Cora, a local traditional elder, who shared his life experiences with the boys and further reiterated the themes of respect and leadership. While the boys literally could have sat there all day with Uncle Steve it was time to complete the full circle of camp and give back to the land upon which we had shared a pretty special couple of days.

For this Bryce and Talle Environmental expert Rowan Henderson arranged an activity for the boys to cut down and poison introduced plant and tree species and replacing them with native flora which will promote the native fauna to return to the area.

Great couple of days and something we will continue to build on with this group and the Rec School itself.



### Gold Coast Cup

The Inaugural Gold Coast Cup was held on the 2nd June, involving 16 Clontarf academies from across South West Queensland and North West NSW.

The carnival itself was on the Thursday, but on Wednesday the boys were treated to visit to the Titans Captains Run. After kick to kick with Bryan Kelly and a big feed it was off to Marsden to watch the school play, then back to Parkwood for a Clontarf dinner with Greg Inglis as guest speaker and a number of Clontarf national partners in attendance.

Special mention to Taj Wood and Reef McKay who MC'd the whole event, the boys did an incredible job on the night.

By the time the boys hit the Swags at Tallebudgera Tourist Park it was fair to say they were spent, and after few hours shut eye we were up and, on the road, again ready for a full day of Rugby action.

While we certainly wanted to put our best foot forward the carnival was more about participation than hard core Rugby, that's not to say there wasn't some scintillating action. Reef McKay and Robbie Lee led the boys, demonstrated great sportsmanship and played with the Clontarf spirit all day.

To round out the day we took boys to dinner at Currumbin Vikings and capped the camp off with a trip to Cbus stadium to watch the Titans play.





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## Partner Interactions

### Woolworths Academy Visit

On Friday the 13th Clontarf PBC hosted 21 of the national Woolworths executive team for a morning of basketball and a spread to follow donated kindly by Woolworths.

After two weeks of solid rain and with a number of contingency plans in place the weather gods looked down upon us favorably as there was a break in the weather almost like it planned from 7am-9am which allowed the Clontarf boys and Woolies crew to battle it out with some 3 on 3 basketball.

After the ferocious battle it was into the kitchen where Tracey and her number one kitchen hand, Mr Taj Wood, had cooked up an epic feast for the 50 strong crowd of boys, staff and Woolworth executives.

To finish the mornings interaction it was then over to School Captain Tanu Nona, who gave Woolworths a tour of the Clontarf room and explained a bit about the program and his personal journey with Clontarf.

A massive thank you to staff who joined us at breakfast, Mr Capra who addressed the Woolies team, Tracey and her kitchen crew for once again making our task so much easier and a big shout out to the Woolworths team for being open, approachable and really engaging with the boys.



### Coates Hire Visit



Coates are a major partner of Clontarf Foundation and during Week 9 we were lucky enough to have Coates National Partnerships Manager - Adam Spink, Industrial Solutions Manger - Chris Wright and Major Account Manger Greg Clark join us for morning training and a classic Clontarf breaky.

It was a great little morning and the start of a growing partnership between PBC and Coates on the coast.

### BIG W Visit

We took a group of Year 7 students to visit our partners BIG W at Pacific Fair Shopping Centre at Broadbeach.

It was great to introduce our Year 7 boys to a partner visit and expose the boys to future employment opportunities. Even though the boys aren't old enough now it was great to plant the seed so they are aware when they get to the right age. We had the Area and Store Manager Dean and Felicity give us a tour around the store and they spoke to us about employment opportunities and how BIG W operate as a business.

The boys showed really good maturity and asked really good questions at the end of the session. It was a great first partner visit for the Year 7 boys who really bought into it.



### Bunnings DIY

Bunnings are a major national partner of Clontarf and in Week 5 we took a group of our consistent morning trainers to Bunnings for a site tour and a DIY workshop.

Bunnings Activities Organiser Jayde Smith arranged a great little activity for the boys as they got to build a pencil box and paint it afterwards. Was great to see a Year 7 Bohdi John put his hand up to say thank you to Bunnings at the end of the workshop and he nailed it. The boys were pumped to have their own pencil box and looking forward to more interactions with Bunnings and Jayde.





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## Other Activities

### Gundy Join us @ the Alley

On Friday of Week 9 we were joined at our Friday morning session at Currumbin Alley by some Year 12 Clontarf boys all the way down from Goondiwindi.

The boys were down on a week trip to finish off their term and loved the opportunity to spend the morning with us at the Alley for some beach Rugby.

Clontarf Staff Dashing Daniel Lorroway and the Fro from Gundy, Eddie Seni gave the boys a lesson in beach rugby with a dazzling display of dummies and side steps, sharing the honors for best on beach.

After the hotly contested match was time for a traditional Clontarf Cook up of bacon and eggs it was time for Gundy crew to hit the highway.

Big thanks to the staff and students from Goondiwindi for taking time to come down and engage with us. It was a great little morning at the Alley.



### Magic Round Trip

On Friday the 13th of May we took a group of our most engaged boys to the Newcastle Knights and Canterbury Bulldogs at Suncorp Stadium.

This was due to be a seniors only trip but the flu has begun to rip through the group leaving only Big Ossie standing. We filled the spots with boys who are really engaged in the program.

We hit the road straight after school, we loaded up at Subway before finding our seats.

While it was a bit of a lackluster game it was a good to reward the boys who are a big part the program.

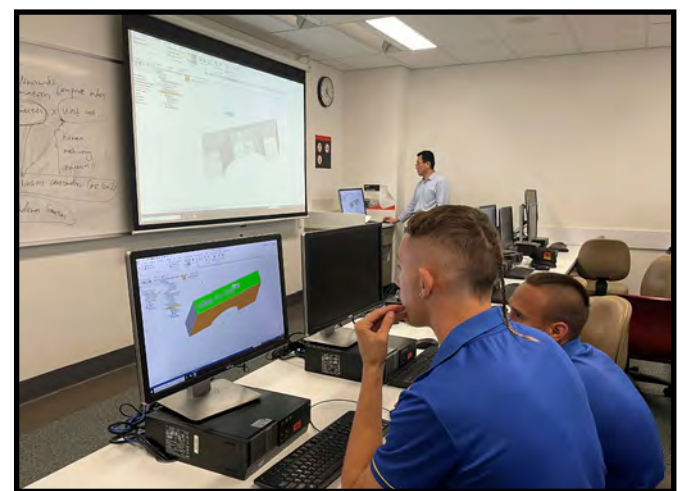


### Griffith Uni Experience

With life after PBC edging ever closer for our Senior boys, we have begun to engage with Griffith University just to provide some information about available pathways and options should they choose to go down the university path.

As a part of this the Griffith Indigenous Engagement team arranged a uni experience at the Southport Campus where the boys had a session with an engineering professor Shoujin Sun and a tour and discussion about the Griffith Sports Centre and opportunities and support involved at the uni.

The boys finished the tour hearing from a number of current and former indigenous students about their journey at uni and the support on offer at Griffith.



## Term 3 Weekly Events

#### Touchbase Toasties

11:35am - 12:15pm @ PBC Clontarf Room  
First break of first day of every school week

#### Currumbin Special Mentoring Program

2:00pm - 3:00pm @ Currumbin Special School  
Every Second Monday

#### Juniors Afterschool Activity

1:25pm - 3:00pm @ PBC unless otherwise notified  
Every Monday

#### Morning Training & Breakfast

Tuesday 7:00am - 8:30am @ PBC  
Friday 7:00am - 8:30am Currumbin Alley  
Every Week unless otherwise notified

#### Seniors Contact Time

10:25am - 11:35am @ Clontarf Room  
Every Wednesday unless otherwise notified

#### After School Basketball

3:15pm - 4:15 pm @ PBC Gym  
Every Wednesday unless otherwise notified

#### Friday Feed and Games

11:35am - 12:15pm @ PBC Clontarf Room  
Every Friday @ first break

## Term 3 Major Events

#### Week 3

Year 10 Camp  
Wed 27th - Fri 29th July  
@ Angas Waters

#### Week 4

Clontarf National Staff PD  
Thursday 4th & Friday 5th August  
**Academy Room will be closed both days!**

#### Week 6

Year 7 Camp  
Thur 18th & Fri 19th August  
@ Woody Head

#### Week 7

Seniors 10,11 & 12  
Thur 25th & Fri 26th August  
@ Bond Uni and Greenmount Beach

#### Week 8

Year 8 & 9 Camp  
Tues 30th - Wed 31st August  
Thunderbird Park @ Mount Tamborine