



Standing Tall in Hamilton Inc

School Based Mentoring



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TERM 2

Term 2 has really highlighted the importance of "It takes a Village to raise a Child". After the staff structural change in Term 1, the Standing Tall Committee of Management have been working hard to ensure the future of our program into 2018. Baimbridge College put a call out into the local business community and supporters of the program, and we are now well on our way to being financially secure for 2018 after a number of generous contributions. So THANK YOU for being part of our "Village".

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Many thanks to all who attended the 2016 AGM held on Tuesday, 27th June 2017.

We sadly farewelled Sam Shields and Graham Schroeder from the Committee of Management, and thank them for everything they have brought to the committee over the past years. This year we have gratefully welcomed new members; Glenda Cadden, Catherine Fraser, Suzanne Wallace, Rachel Munro and Darrell Agnew. We look forward to the wealth of experience that each will individually bring to the committee.

2016 Annual Reports are available upon request from the Standing Tall office.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

We are delighted to continue our partnerships with the Uniting Church Argyle Shop and Iluka Resources Ltd again this year, having received generous contributions for the year ahead. And also continued Patronage and support from the Geoff and Helen Handbury Foundation.

The Rotary Club of North Hamilton have also come on board to support an excursion that will be occurring during the next Semester. THANK YOU!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mentee, Patrick McGregor-Rhodes received the Southern Grampians Youth Achievement Award in April. He was recognised for his contributions to the community and his music.



CELEBRATING SUCCESSES

Standing Tall were successful in winning a small Grassroots Grant from GMHBA this term. This will go towards a Healthy Eating project in Semester Two. We are looking forward to seeing some great healthy meals coming out of our kitchens.

RYPEN CAMP

During the Easter School Holidays, Brent McLaren (left) and Harley Addinsall (right) were fortunate to have the opportunity to attend the Rotary RYPEN Camp at Adekate Lodge, near Creswick. This opportunity was kindly sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hamilton North.

The boys took part in many activities focussing on leadership and teamwork challenges. They came home with many new skills and a bunch of new lifelong friends.

THANK YOU to Rotary for making this possible!



ANZAC DAY

Once again, some of our mentees were involved in their local ANZAC memorial services. One of our aims here at Standing Tall is to encourage our young people to get involved in their local communities. And representing the school in such a way as this is a prime example.



HERITAGE STEAM RALLY

Standing Tall was fortunate to get a taster of the National Heritage Machinery Association's National Rally that was held here in Hamilton in April.

A number of machines were brought to the King Street oval for a demonstration. Mentors and Mentees got the chance to ride on these machines of times gone by. A big thank you to mentor, Karyn Dyson, for organising this opportunity for us.



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BIRTHDAYS

April

- 10th - Margy Stevenson (Mentor)
- 11th - Bob Cadden (Mentor)
- 26th - Patrick McGregor-Rhodes (Mentee)

May

- 12th - Lilly Stewart (Mentee)

June

- 5th - Brent McLaren (Mentee)
- 15th - Sally Beggs (Mentor)
- 21st - Justin Bray (Mentee)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Standing Tall joined together with the L2P mentoring program to celebrate all our volunteers with a night at the movies.

After some nibbles and a presentation by Cr Chris Sharples, we watched the movie "Hidden Figures". We hope this is just one of many shared events with the L2P group.



MENTOR TRAINING UPDATES

It is imperative that all volunteers working with young people are kept up-to-date with all Child Safety Policies. Both the School and Standing Tall pride ourselves in our Child Safety policies.

In May, our mentors attended a refresher evening to go over the Education Department's child safety guidelines and Standing Tall's policies.

Baimbridge College Wellbeing Coordinator Kelly Taylor, joined the group to discuss some interesting scenarios, and there was some great discussion and learning that came out of the evening. **THANK YOU KELLY!**

WDHS DOORKNOCK

Every year, Standing Tall Mentors and Mentees proudly head out to the streets to doorknock and letterbox drop for our local health service.

Eight pairs headed out this May to the local areas surrounding the school and raised over \$200 for the Western District Health Service.

One more example of how our mentees 'give back' to their community.



Karen & Nyah (above), Ethan, Dean and Rhylee (left)

SOME OTHER HIGHLIGHTS...



Out in the community;

Patrick at the skatepark (left)

Justin & Bob visit the Art Gallery (right)



In the kitchen; Ethan, Karen, Nyah & Ian (above) and Harley (below)



Patrick & Bailey had fun being interviewed for WIN News



THANKS TO OUR Supporters...

The Standing Tall program in Hamilton is grateful for the generous financial support of our Patron Dr Geoff Handbury AO and the Geoff & Helen Handbury Foundation Strengthening our Community together...



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