



Newsletter

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Prayer

If there is to be peace in the world,
There must be peace in the nations.

If there is to be peace in the nations,
There must be peace in the cities.

If there is to be peace in the cities,
There must be peace between neighbours.

If there is to be peace between neighbours,
There must be peace in the home.

If there is to be peace in the home,
There must be peace in my heart.

Amen



THIS IS YOUR HOME
AND YOU SHOULD HAVE
BEEN SAFE HERE

**IF YOU WANT TO GO QUICKLY, GO ALONE.
IF YOU WANT TO GO FAR, GO TOGETHER.**

-AFRICAN PROVERB



Principal's Message

"If you want to go far, go together" is an African proverb and it sums up recent events at Xavier. We have shared three wonderful community events this fortnight.

First was the capturing of the super-croc! Our whole school went down to the beach to watch Matt Wright and the rangers in action as they skilfully captured the very big croc and covered him with leaves to keep him cool. Our teachers have been drawing on this event and creating art and narratives based on what happened.



We then had the famous Tiwi Grand Final and staff worked at the Frangipani Café, drove visitors around town, sold refreshments and cleaned up the streets. We were proud of Xavier students who picked up rubbish on Friday and helped make Wurrumiyanga a cleaner, more beautiful place.

This week Xavier and MCPS held our first Open Day, hosted by the Cathy Freeman Foundation and we were delighted to welcome Bishop Charles from Darwin and Greg O'Mullane, Director of the Catholic Education Office. It was fantastic having so many family members at our schools.

It is vital to the success of our students that everyone feels welcome at school. Please remember that all problems can be solved by talking so don't be shy to come in and speak with me at any time. Everything we do and achieve happens because of people coming together so let's continue to go together for the sake of our children and the bright future that is waiting for them if they come to school every day.



Warm blessings,

Andrée

MESSAGES FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

A safe and happy home and school is very important for students to be able to learn. Families can assist their children in many ways:

- ⇒ making sure they are home by a set time each afternoon
- ⇒ eating a healthy dinner every night
- ⇒ going to bed by 9pm and getting a good night's sleep
- ⇒ having clean clothes to wear each day
- ⇒ brushing teeth in the morning and at night
- ⇒ having a bath or a shower every day



These are just a few things we can do at home to give our children the best chance at school.

God Bless,

Deputy Principal: Liz Moodey

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Prayers for World Peace

This week students created a paper prayer chain with the names of everyone they wanted to pray for from family and Church leaders to people suffering in other countries. In particular the killings in Christchurch, New Zealand were in everyone's minds. At Assembly, Andree explained to the students that the New Zealand Prime Minister, Jacinta Arden, has led her country's response from a place of love and inclusion, not payback and violence. We then shared a beautiful prayer for peace and we were lucky to have Bishop Charles with us.



Religious Education Coordinator: Pam Brown

MESSAGES FROM TEACHERS



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

It has been a very busy few weeks in the Literacy department! We have had Adele Rice AM, Andree's mum, visit the school and provide invaluable assistance to both staff and students. Adele is a significant figure in Australia educating students who speak English as an additional language or dialect, and she was awarded the Order of Australia in 2014 for her great work and service in education. Adele spoke with the Stage 1 students about her career journey and provided some inspirational advice about how they can achieve their goals both in school and beyond.

The following week, all Xavier students participated in an 'emu walk' rubbish collection between the new church and the school in preparation for the Tiwi Islands Football Grand Final. Prior

to this, students discussed why it is important to not litter and they displayed a large amount of pride in wanting to have the town looking nice for the weekend. The walk was conducted in partnership with the Tiwi Islands Regional Council, with the local civil team workers walking alongside Xavier students. Michael Taylor, Shire Services Manager for the Tiwi Islands Regional Council, spoke with students to thank them for their efforts and promote positive community behaviour to keep our town clean.

Each of these events served as great learning opportunities for both students and teachers and we are very thankful for our visitors.

Teacher: Emily Peacock



MESSAGES FROM TEACHERS

SENIOR GIRLS

When the senior girls were asked what fun activity they would like to do to celebrate International Women's Day, many of them said that they would like to cook or bake something. We decided to make a cake. Together we baked two chocolate cakes, one shaped like a cupcake and the other a small round cake. Anne-Joan and Maureen sifted the icing sugar, Eibenie separated eggs, Tenisha measured the milk and Brandy mixed the batter.



While the cakes were baking, Dayna, Marietta and Tenisha decorated two other cakes from the canteen.

When the chocolate cakes were baked and cooled Marietta, Tenisha and Eibenie made chocolate frosting and iced them. We decorated the cakes using white, purple and green, the colours of International Women's day.



Teacher: Gwen Periera

SPIRITUAL PLACES

We have been studying a unit on spirituality in CMT. As part of this unit, we identified multiple sacred spaces in the school grounds.

Our favourite spiritual places are:

- ⇒ The library because it is a quiet and peaceful place to think
- ⇒ The basketball courts because that is where positive energy is focussed and our interactions are good ones
- ⇒ The garden areas because we like watching nature and it connects us with God

We hope that you can join us one day at our Tuesday Assemblies in the library at 8.20 am. These are very special and reflective times for the Xavier Community. You are always welcome to come along and experience some of our sacred moments.

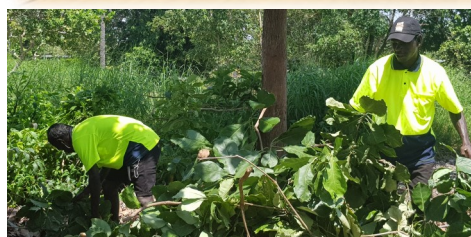
Eibenie, Hayley, Ephrianna, Taluhla and Clayton



WORK EXPERIENCE—EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS STUDENTS

This week, students from the Employment Pathways program participated in work experience in the community. Students demonstrated their talents and learnt new skills that will eventually assist them in obtaining employment. Congratulations to the students who made a huge effort this week. We are very proud of you. Below are some photographs taken of some of the students on work experience.

Employment Pathways Coordinator: Yolanda Lombardo



FAMILY OPEN DAY HIGHLIGHTS



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